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1. A new Soviet Control Company for crude oil production was established in Bucharest.
2. The manager of this company is Col Konsalevski. His deputy is V. Bontsev. A third man, Lavenkov, is the commissar of the company but he seemed to have not the slightest influence in this triumvirate.
3. It is noteworthy that there are only two small office rooms. Even the Planning Ministry takes a critical view of the assignment of this company and does not believe that it can handle its comprehensive task.

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Comment :

a. The entire Rumanian crude oil production is under the control of the Rumanian Mining and Crude Oil Ministry (Ministerul Minelor si Petrolului) which supervises and checks all operations exploiting or using Rumanian mineral resources. Since June 1949 the Ministry has been headed by Gheorghe Vasilachi, Minister for Mining and Crude Oil Production. He is assisted by four ~~adjunct~~ ^{Ministerial} ministers (formerly undersecretaries).

Several ministerial councillors (Consilieri ^{Ministerial}) are also assigned to this Ministry. and a technical councillor

b. The following organizations are under the control of the Ministry for Mining and Crude Oil Production :

- (1) Geological Institute

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- (2) Technological Mining and Crude Oil Institute
- (3) Administrations for Tests and Exploitations
- (4) Muntenia Crude Oil Management
- (5) Moldova Crude Oil Management
- (6) Sovrompetrol
- (7) Gaz-Metan
- (8) Sovromgaz
- (9) Carbonifera
- (10) Iron Langanese Ore Center
- (11) Gold Silver Ore Center
- (12) Quarry Center
- (13) Petrosani Central Administration (Sovrom-Carbune)
- (14) Lonea Central Administration (Sovrom-Carbune)

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c. According to this arrangement the Sovrom Companies, including the Sovrompetrol and Sovromgaz, are also formally under the management of the Rumanian Mining and Crude Oil Ministry although the Soviet managers of these two companies can actually act completely on their own discretion or on instructions from Moscow.

d. Under these circumstances the establishment of a new Soviet Control Company for Crude Oil is hardly understandable unless Moscow intends to have the Rumanian Minister for Mining and Crude Oil Production under its immediate control.

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